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**Legislation Committee
June 8, 2007
Minutes**

Chair Rubin called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. In attendance were committee members Azumbrado, Chu, Dodd, Haggerty, Lempert, Spering, Worth, and Yeager. Also in attendance was Commissioner Tissier.

Minutes

Minutes of the May 11, 2007 meeting were moved by Commissioner Haggerty, seconded by Commissioner Lempert, and approved.

Public Hearing on the Draft Public Participation Plan

Ellen Griffin presented common themes of the draft plan and how it was shaped by seeking early input. She detailed the key messages heard. Prior to taking comment from the public, Chair Rubin asked to ensure that presentations on the plan are compelling with the use of photographic formats that capture citizens' attention. He then called on: 1) Duane De Witt, public transit rider, who said he heard about today's hearing via his *Transactions* mailing but preferred to have heard earlier, and encouraged MTC to ensure that the participants in studies it funds be informed of outcomes; 2) David Schonbrunn, TRANSDEF, suggested stipends for bona fide low-income residents because when used in Marin's canal district it "really made things work." Commissioner Worth said that bringing the dialogue to groups who lack traditional ways to attend meetings and hearings is one of the strengths of the plan. Commissioner Chu said that an outreach group he participates in holds successful meetings on Caltrain.

Legislative History

Rebecca Long reviewed bills in the May 29th history. She noted SB 748 (Corbett), dealing with the State-Local Partnership Program, had been amended to allow uniform developer fees to be eligible. Commissioner Haggerty expressed concerns about allowing this program to move too far away from a focus on the State-Local Partnership Program and a focus on self-help counties. Staff offered to provide details next month of how the inclusion of bridge tolls and developer fees as eligible local match would affect the region's share of funds.

State Budget Update

Ms. Long reported that the Administration's May Revise of the FY 2007-08 state budget shifts \$1.3 billion in public transit funds to the General Fund. The Senate completely rejected this proposal, while the Assembly allowed \$409 million to be diverted – on the condition that the Legislature also enact a long-term fix to protect future spillover funds from being raided by the general fund. She distributed a memorandum on the subject that addressed current options for folding the spillover into Proposition 42, while ensuring that local streets and roads are 'held harmless' under changes to the Proposition 42 formula shares. The chair called on Ben Tripousis, City of San José, who advocated to "stop picking each other's pockets" and working together to find a solution.

State Legislation (agenda order changed at this point in the meeting)

SB 375 (Steinberg) requires the California Transportation Commission to adopt guidelines for travel models that account for the relationship between land use, transportation improvements and vehicle miles traveled (VMT). The bill would essentially require regional agencies such as MTC to adopt a preferred growth scenario that reaches greenhouse gas reduction targets as provided by the California Air Resources Board. Staff reported that the author had agreed to MTC's chief amendment requests and sought urgency measures for a recommended position of support as proposed to be amended.

Chair Rubin called on the public: 1) David Schonbrunn, TRANSDEF, said "grandfathering" doesn't help and that MTC ought to be able to control its region's part of the STIP; 2) Dennis Fay, Alameda Co. CMA, expressed concerns about possible ill effects on MTC's model and new costs for the CMA to upgrade its own model.

Commissioner Haggerty moved a "watch" position to allow time for revising the bill's language and consulting with Partnership Board. Commissioner Worth supported the staff recommendation, while proposing that it be deferred until the Commission meeting to give staff time to work on the new concerns raised by Mr. Fay. Commissioner Haggerty rejected that request. After additional staff comments and further discussion, Commissioner Haggerty withdrew his motion. It was concluded that no action be taken and instead refer the matter to Commission to allow staff to further explore with the bill author Mr. Fay's concerns.

AB 1221 (Ma) allows a city or county that prepares a transit village plan to use tax increment financing and issue bonds to support the goals of the plan, with the written agreement of each government agency that operates a transit station in the transit village district. Commissioner Lempert moved and Commissioner Yeager seconded a position of "support" on AB 1221, which was unanimously referred to Commission.

SB 184 (Alquist) would revise current law to ensure that if a local agency advances local funds for a STIP project within the fiscal year that the project is programmed in the STIP, it is guaranteed repayment. After discussion, Commissioner Chu moved and Commissioner Yeager seconded a position of "support" and seek an amendment to retain current language that authorizes a project sponsor to begin spending local funds within 12 months of the project's scheduled allocation date in order to ensure the maximum project delivery benefits. The committee then referred the matter to Commission.

SB 1358 (Leno) requires the State Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to amend guidelines for development of the circulation element of a general plan to require "routine accommodation of all users of the highway and public transportation." Commissioner Lempert moved and Commissioner Chu seconded that SB 1358 be referred to Commission with a position of "support," and it was so referred.

Federal Legislation

Tom Bulger's Report was received by the committee.

Other Business/Public Comment/Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for July 13, 2007. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.